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| In re the application of: | ) | CONFIRMATION NO.: 8593  | purpose |
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## **AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2005 is due by April 13, 2005.

Therefore, please accept this Amendment as timely filed and fully responsive.

In response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2005, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

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